(c) Filling up of the vacancies is an ongoing process. KVS have already completed recruitment process based on written examinations and interviews for direct recruitment and vacancies are being filled up. DPCs are also held regularly to fill up the posts by promotion. Pending the posting of regular incumbents, the Vidyalayas have the instructions to fill up the vacant posts through contractual appointments so that the studies of children do not suffer for want of teachers.

Foreign investment in university sector

2819. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to commence private universities;

(b) if so, the details of Government's decision in this regard;

(c) whether Government would consider to admit foreign investment in the university sector;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) whether Government have taken decision on implementation of the Ambani-Birla Commission Report?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The promotion of higher education, given the size of the country and the population to be covered, necessarily involves partnership between the public and private sectors. Community participation through deemed to be university route has already been included in the guidelines of the University Grants Commission. Promotion of Indian education abroad and its counterpart—the regulation of foreign education in India, are also now matters which the Government has been seized of.

(e) The Government has not taken a decision on Ambani-Birla Report.

Allocation of funds for education

2820. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total allocation by the Union and State Governments for education has declined from 4.34 per cent of the GDP in 1990-91 to 3.35 in 1997-98;